1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29	Daman & Diu	15.80	0.03	0.04	0.04	25.6.199
30	Delhi	14.69	2.%	4.09	4.11	25.1.200
31	Lakshadweep	25.4	0.02	0.03	0.01 (1285)	24.10.200 1
32	Pondicherry	37.40	0.65	0.84	0.95	31.10.200
33	Chhattisgarh	42.52	—	18.75	17.48	8.8.2001
34	Jharkhand	54.96	—	23.94	22.21	8.8.2001
35	Uttaranchal	40.85	—	4.98	4.30	13.12.200 1
	TOTAL:		596.20	652.04	804.85	

Inadequate storage arrangements in Punjab

†3860. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate storage arrangement in Punjab wheat stored since 1997 is being damaged;

(b) if so, the quantity of the wheat so stored; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake any rapid action to prevent this kind of loss of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) No damage to wheat has been caused due to inadequate storage capacity in Punjab since 1997. The storage capacity and wheat stocks held from 1997 to 2002 in Punjab are given in the statement enclosed which reveals that the maximum percentage of utilization of storage capacity has been only 89% during last six years. *(See* below).

During the current year (2002-2003), the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a proposal for construction of 10,000 tonnes storage capacity in Punjab. In addition to this, Central Warehousing Corporation / State Warehousing Corporation have been requested to

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create additional storage capacity to the tune of 41.60 lakh MT (Covered) and 4.41 lakh MT (Covered and Plinth) under seven years guarantee scheme.

Statement

Storage capacity and stocks available with FCI in Punjab since 1997.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Position as on		Storage capacity		
			Covered	CAP (Open)	Total
1.	31.3.1997	Capacity	49.50	15.29	64.79
		Stocks held	34.02	2.59	36.61
		Utilisation	69%	17%	57%
2.	31.3.1998	Capacity	46.53	18.56	65.09
		Stocks held	40.38	10.46	50.84
		Utilisation	87%	56%	78%
3.	31.3.1999	Capacity	45.17	24.14	69.31
		Stocks held	33.55	16.60	50.15
		Utilisation	74%	69%	72%
4.	31.3.2000	Capacity	57.66	21.25	78.91
		Stocks held	58.23	9.26	67.49
		Utilisation	100%	44%	86%
5.	31.3.2001	Capacity	67.21	35.12	102.33
		Stocks held	69.15	21.63	90.78
		Utilisation	100%	62%	89%
6.	31.3.2002	Capacity	92.59	39.22	131.81
		Stocks held	95.14	14.28	109.42
		Utilisation	103%	36%	83%

Gradation of Swarna Paddy

†3861. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swarna paddy grown by a large number of farmers of Chhattisgarh was kept in Grade 'A' earlier;

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